



### **School Improvement Grant (SIG) FY 12 Waiver Request**

OSSE is requesting a waiver from the United States Department of Education to waive School Improvement Grant (SIG) FY 12 funding used for the purpose of implementing one of four SIG Turnaround models (Turnaround, Transformation, Restart and Closure) in the lowest-achieving schools (“Priority” schools). This request to extend the waiver, submitted pursuant to section 9401(d)(2) of the ESEA, would permit OSSE, in accordance with criteria developed by OSSE, to be thoughtful and strategic regarding the implementation of SIG models in Priority schools approved for SIG funding during SY 14-15.

OSSE seeks this extended waiver because if granted the opportunity to carryover one hundred percent of FY 12 funds in combination with FY 13 funding to run one competition (beginning SY 14-15), LEAs will have the necessary time to conduct adequate planning for true fidelity to the SIG models. OSSE believes that the additional time is in the public interest and will enable qualifying LEAs to ensure that Priority schools that are eligible to receive SIG funding are able to support effective implementation of selected SIG intervention models for a period of three years.

